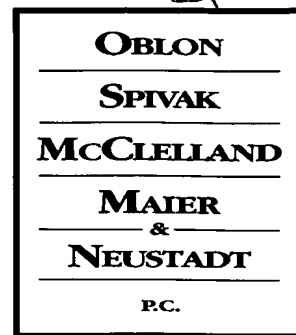




Docket No.: 243374US3RD



COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

C. IRVIN McCLELLAND  
(703) 413-3000  
IMCCLLELAND@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/673,154  
Applicants: Yuusuke SATO, et al.  
Filing Date: September 30, 2003  
For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM  
Group Art Unit: 1746  
Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**SECOND STATUS REQUEST FOR FIRST OFFICE ACTION (in duplicate)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

C. Irvin McClelland  
Registration No. 21,124

Customer Number

**22850**

(703) 413-3000 (phone)  
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Surinder Sachar  
Registration No. 34,423

DOCKET NO.: 243374US3RD/mms



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Yuusuke SATO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/673,154

GROUP NO: 1746

FILED: September 30, 2003

EXAMINER:

FOR: FUEL CELL SYSTEM

**SECOND REQUEST**

**FIRST OFFICE ACTION STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued on this Application.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Irvin McClelland", written over a horizontal line.

C. Irvin McClelland  
Registration No. 21,124

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 10/04)

Surinder Sachar  
Registration No. 34,423